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TWO MILLION HOUSES PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a Two Million Houses Programme all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of this programme;

(c) the conditions to be met by the beneficiaries under this Programme;

(d) whether the Government have fixed any criteria for the people to be eligible for this Programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The National Agenda for Governance has declared housing for all as a priority area and the Government has decided to focus on the housing needs of citizens in general and that of the poor and the deprived in particular. Towards this end Two Million Housing Programme (2 MHP)was launched in 1998-99 under which 20 lakh houses were required to be constructed annually in the country. Out of this, 7 lakh houses were required to be constructed in urban areas and 13 lakh houses in rural areas for the economically weaker sections (EWS) and low income groups (LIG) categories through State Government agencies on a demand-driven approach.

(c)to(e): Housing is a State subject. Government of India` role is an enabler rather than builder. The State Governments are required to draw their own action plans to address the housing problems in their States. However, the 2 MHP is basically for EWS and LIG categories. State agencies are expected to select the beneficiaries under this programme from these categories only.